

*IN THE CLAIMS:*

Claim 1 (Cancelled).

Claim 2 (Previously presented) The analytical test element as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one of the surfaces forming an inner surface of the channel is hydrophilized.

Claim 3 (Previously presented) The analytical test element as claimed in claim 2, wherein the exposed surface opposite to the notch is hydrophilized.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously presented) The analytical test element as claimed in claim 2 wherein a layer of oxidized aluminium is used for the hydrophilization.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Previously presented) The analytical test element as claimed in claim 15, wherein the detection element is a filter for particulate sample components.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The analytical test as claimed in claim 15, wherein the channel is at least partially formed by the carrier, an inert cover and the detection element wherein the cover and detection element are located on the side of the channel that is opposite to the carrier and are arranged adjacent to one another in such a way that the cover is located on the side facing the sample application opening.

Claim 9 (Previously presented) The analytical test element as claimed in claim 8, wherein the detection element and the cover abut each other so that the capillary liquid transport is not interrupted at the site of contact of detection element and cover.

Claim 10 (Previously presented) The analytical test element as claimed in claim 9, wherein a flexible inert foil is mounted on the side of the cover that faces the channel which extends over the entire length of the cover, covers the entire width of the capillary channel and is at least partially enclosed between the opposing surfaces of the cover and detection element so that the capillary liquid transport does not break down at the site of contact between the detection element and cover.

Claims 11-12 (Cancelled).